

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to enter into and execute Supplemental Consultant Services Agreements with UltraSystems Environmental; EDAW, Inc.; Chambers Group, Incorporated; and URS Corporation Americas to increase the total not-to-exceed fee from \$840,000 to \$1,050,000 each, for a total of \$4,200,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board, on October 8, 2002, Synopsis 27, authorized the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute Supplemental Consultant Services Agreements (Agreements) with the following five consultants: UltraSystems Environmental; EDAW, Inc.; Chambers Group, Incorporated; URS Corporation Americas; and Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. The Agreements are for environmental consultant services for a three-year period with two, one-year renewal options for a total fee not to exceed \$840,000 each, for a total of \$4,200,000. Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., chose not to execute the Agreement. Therefore, we are requesting to reapportion the previously authorized amount among the remaining four consultants. The revised not-to-exceed fee for each consultant will be \$1,050,000 each, for a total of \$4,200,000, in order to support environmental compliance of Public Works construction, maintenance, and emergency projects.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action will provide for services facilitating the delivery of various public works construction projects. This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The use of consultants on an as-needed basis has enabled Public Works to better manage fluctuations in workload.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund.

Funds are available in the Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road, Flood, Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33), Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64), Proposition C Local Return Fund, Transit Enterprise Fund, and the Bikeway Fund budgets to finance the current year expenditures. Total expenditures from all approved funds, collectively, will not exceed the previously approved amount of \$4,200,000, and no service will be ordered without the funding authorization of Public Works' Financial Management Branch.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Supplemental Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included. The effective date of the Agreements will be established following your Board's approval.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Agreements stating that the Consultants notify their employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify their employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal-Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, UltraSystems Environmental; EDAW, Inc.; Chambers Group, Incorporated; and URS Corporation Americas are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief opportunity for participants for future employment.

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UltraSystems Environmental; EDAW, Inc.; Chambers Group, Incorporated; and URS Corporation Americas are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the Agreements is not a project subject to the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that this action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21065.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Agreements with UltraSystems Environmental; EDAW, Inc.; Chambers Group, Incorporated; and URS Corporation Americas will include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with your Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended Agreements. These Agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on County services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc. Chief Administrative Office

County Counsel